

Movements of citizens in Albania

September 2023

Tirana, 25 October 2023: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in September 2023 are 1,651,151. Compared to September 2022, this indicator increased by 36.6 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during September 2023 are 1,714,585 marking an increase by 25.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

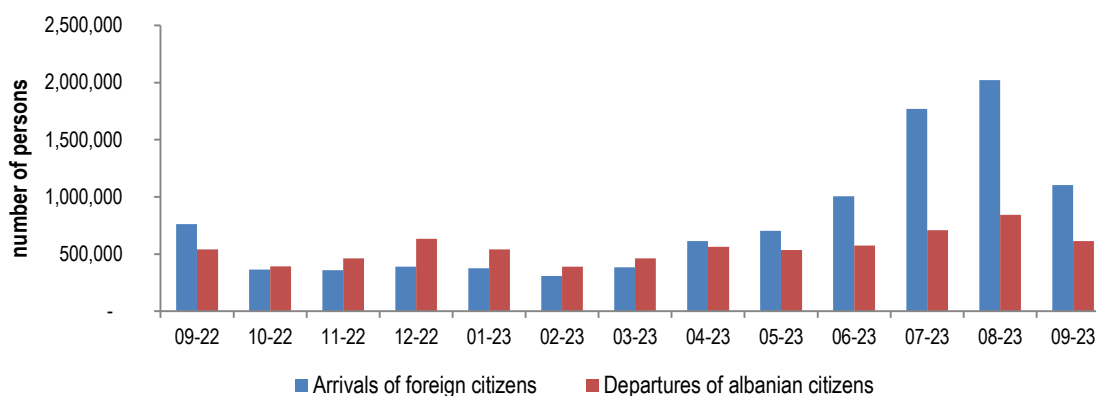
Citizen's arrivals

In September 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 546,961. Compared to September 2022, this number increased by 22.3 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,104,190. Compared to September 2022, this number increased by 45.0 %.

During the nine months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 8,294,600. This number has increased by 29.0 %, compared to the same period of 2022 (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, September 2022- September 2023



Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

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Citizen's departures

Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2023 are 614,086. Compared to September 2022, this number has increased by 13.5 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2023 are 1,100,499. Compared to September 2022, this number increased by 32.5 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the nine months of 2023 is 5,191,839, increasing by 18.2 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	September 2022	September 2023	Annual change (%)	January-September 2022	January-September 2023	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,208,667	1,651,151	36.6	10,480,916	13,398,503	27.8
Albanian	447,123	546,961	22.3	4,052,251	5,103,903	26.0
Foreign	761,544	1,104,190	45.0	6,428,665	8,294,600	29.0
Total departures	1,371,621	1,714,585	25.0	10,749,124	13,128,813	22.1
Albanian	541,216	614,086	13.5	4,390,612	5,191,839	18.2
Foreign	830,405	1,100,499	32.5	6,358,512	7,936,974	24.8

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

In September 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 1,059,798 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 29,236 and 8,958 citizens (tab.2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Description	September 2022	September 2023	January- September 2022	January- September 2023
Total	761,544	1,104,190	6,428,665	8,294,600
I. Africa	609	1,192	3,378	8,537
II. America	21,013	29,236	151,669	200,578
III. East Asia and Pacific	3,522	8,958	20,002	53,906
IV. Middle East	5,013	2,564	38,639	37,018
V. South Asia	1,027	1,342	7,535	10,898
VI. Europe	727,090	1,059,798	5,859,331	7,963,158
- Central /Eastern Europe	65,088	95,353	389,658	572,442
- Northern Europe	29,808	43,032	218,826	313,990
- Southern Europe	566,843	795,321	4,775,544	6,271,500
- Western Europe	55,269	100,987	401,595	634,710
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	10,082	25,105	73,708	170,516
VII. Other countries not specified	3,270	1,100	348,111	20,505

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

In September 2023 compared to September 2022, the arrivals of foreign citizens mark:

- Increase, for personal purposes by 46.8 %;
- Increase, for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 46.1 %;
- Decrease, for business and professional purposes by 34.7 % (tab. 3).

Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	September 2022	September 2023	Annual change (%)	January-September 2022	January-September 2023	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	761,544	1,104,190	45.0	6,428,665	8,294,600	29.0
I. Personal	744,366	1,092,968	46.8	6,343,599	8,195,585	29.2
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	715,653	1,045,778	46.1	6,043,915	7,791,228	28.9
2. Health treatment	118	11	-90.7	1,953	619	-68.3
3. Religious	53	24	-54.7	394	347	-11.9
4. Transit	28,542	47,155	65.2	297,337	403,391	35.7
II. Business and professional	17,178	11,222	-34.7	85,066	99,015	16.4

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

Methodology

The purpose of the publication for arrivals and departures of Albanian and foreign citizens, by means of transport (sea, air, land and border points), is the measurement of some statistical indicators related to tourism.

Definitions

Arrivals : Include all entries at the border points (by, air, sea and land).

Arrivals is a concept that refers to all entries. A person who visits some countries simultaneously during the year is counted every time as a new entry.

Departures: Includes all exits at the border points. Departures measure the flow of citizens who leave the country of reference. A person who leaves the country of reference several times during a year is always counted as a new exit.

Visitor: For statistical purposes on tourism, the term "visitor" represents a "person who travels in a different place from that in which he resides, in a period shorter than 12 months and major aim of travel in the place visited is a non-profit activity".

The purpose of the trip includes visits of visitors and tourists for:

Visits for *personal purposes* grouped as follows:

1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.;
2. Health treatment,
3. Religious;
4. Transit.

Visits for *Business category* includes all business and professional activities outside the usual environment.

Data Source: Administrative data are provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs (State Police, Border and Migration Directorate).

The data are preliminary and subject of revisions. For more information refer to:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/> statistical revision policy.

The statistical differences between arrivals and departures of Albanian or foreign nationals come mainly from:

- Law No.71 / 2016 "On Border Control", Article 17 "Facilitation of Border Verifications", where during the tourist season or increased inflow, at the moment of entry of citizens at the border, does not register all the incoming citizens;
- The facilitating procedures applied to residents of border areas crossing the border due to their commercial activity, when they cross several times a day, are not registered at the entrance;
- A good share of Albanians hold dual citizenship, who at the time of border crossing July declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.